

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, please replace paragraph [0003] with the following new paragraph:

In order to press a ~~platy~~ workpiece into shapes, initially, the workpiece is placed on a molding surface of a molding die having a predetermined-shaped concave portion. On the periphery of the concave portion, the workpiece is pressed to the molding die by a pad and is fixed. Then, the workpiece is plastically deformed by being pressed by a punch having a shape corresponding to the concave portion. In such press molding, a problem occurs that the workpiece moves into the concave portion, that is, so-called displacement of the workpiece is caused. The displacement of the workpiece affects the accuracy of a press molded product, the quality of a surface of the press molded product, and the like. In addition, due to such a problem useful lives of the molding die and the punch are shortened, and the cost of maintenance of the molding die and the punch increases.

Page 3, please replace paragraph [0011] with the following new paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a view schematically showing a press molding die according to the invention. The press molding die includes a molding die 1, a pad 2, and a punch 3, and is used for pressing a ~~platy~~ workpiece 4 into shapes. In the press molding die, a concave portion 5 having a shape corresponding to the punch 3 is formed on a molding surface of the molding die 1. The workpiece 4 placed on the molding surface is pressed to the molding die 1 by the pad 2 and is fixed, on the periphery of the concave portion 5. In this case, the press molding die according to the invention is characterized in that a micro-rough layer 6 is formed by performing a particulate coating process on at least

one of a portion of the pad 2, for pressing the workpiece 4, and a portion of the molding surface, corresponding to the portion of the pad 2, for pressing the workpiece 4.